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Sir:

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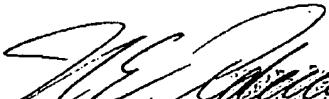
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### ASSERTION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Sir:

Applicants in the above-referenced U.S. patent application hereby assert that they are entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

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